

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors – Wheat Belt PPD
August 28, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Belt Public Power District was held August 28, 2026, at the District Headquarters at 11306 Road 32, Sidney, Nebraska, pursuant to written notice to each of the Directors and publication in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph as #10301, on August 20, 2026. The agenda was emailed to the directors, posted in the lobby and boardroom at Wheat Belt's headquarters, and the availability of the agenda at the District office was part of the legal notice.

Directors present at the meeting:

Brian Zimmerman	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Moe Moffat	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Stuart Morgan	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Collin Anderson	☒ Present	☐ Not Present
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Present	☐ Not Present

Employees present at times throughout the meeting: Joseph Michalewicz, Rollie Waite, Jim Weeda, Valerie Richards, Andy Kuhns, Brooke Darden, and Kelli Chaon.

Attorney: Kendra Strommen

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by board President Brian Zimmerman, who noted the posting of a copy of the Open Meetings Law in the boardroom and who established a quorum was present. Kelli Chaon recorded minutes at the request of Board Secretary Toni Blomenkamp.

Introduction of Guests:

Public Comment Period

No comments were received.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Item 2: Legal Notices
 - Waive the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Notice August 28, 2026
- Item 3: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
 - July 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Item 4: Review of Policies – Minor recommended changes (E-6, E-7, O-1 and O-3)

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The motion was seconded by Moe Moffat, roll call vote with Directors voting as follows:

Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried

- All Board members have an opportunity prior to voting to pull any item from the Consent Agenda to discuss as its own issue.

Strategic Plan

Joseph Michalewicz reported on the following regarding the Strategic Plan.

- Consider and Analyze Various Power Supply Options
- Develop Succession Planning Structures & Practices

FERC Interventions, Protests and Settlement

- High Impact Load Tariff Protest

Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 8:34 a.m. Michalewicz, Waite, Richards, Darden, Kuhns, Weeda, and Chaon were asked to stay to discuss the Power Supply Options. Jennifer Eckhardt made a motion to enter the Executive Session at 8:34 a.m. Marcus Milanuk seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Break (10:26 a.m. to 10:31 a.m.)

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Michalewicz, Waite, Richards, Darden, Kuhns, Weeda and Chaon were asked to leave the executive session at 10:31 a.m. for the Board and attorney to discuss the CEO review.

Moe Moffat left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Stuart Morgan made a motion to end the executive session at 12:02 p.m. Marcus Milanuk seconded, roll call vote by directors as follows:

Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve the Alignment Letter for the Panhandle Five Systems (Midwest, Wheat Belt, PREMA, Chimney Rock, and Roosevelt) to be sent to NPPD and Basin regarding power supply. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Legal Report

No legal report was presented.

Safety Issues and Safety Meeting Minutes

Rollie Waite updated the board regarding the August 17, 2026, Safety meeting. Rollie reviewed the Safety Meeting Minutes in the board book and answered questions from the board. The safety education for this month's meeting was Pole Top Rescue/Bucket Rescue. The next Safety Meeting will be on September 8, 2026.

Toni Blomenkamp moved to accept the Safety Review and Safety Minutes as presented. Collin Anderson seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

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Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Management Reports

Operations Report – Rollie Waite reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Recent Outages & Operational Updates

Technical Service Report – Jim Weeda reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- FEMA 2024 Update
- Facility Issues
- Construction Work Plan Update

Public Relations Report – Kelli Chaon reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- NISC Conversion
- Wheat Belt Brand

Finance Report– Joseph Michalewicz reviewed the Finance report in the board book.

- July 2026 Financials
- Bank Accounts
- Budget Assumptions

Jennifer Eckhardt moved to approve Wheat Belt closing the subsidiary account with Security 1st Bank and moving the funds from that account to our general checking. Marcus Milanuk seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No

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Motion carried.

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Jennifer Eckhardt seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No
Moe Moffat	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

CEO's Report - Joseph Michalewicz reviewed the following topics that can be found in the board book:

- Power Cost Rate Increase
- Sidney Hotline School
- Financial Education & Preparation

Marcus Milanuk moved to approve the lease with NREA for the Training Facility located at 2432 Rd 113 in Sidney as presented. Toni Blomenkamp seconded, roll call vote by the directors as follows:

Moe Moffat	☐ Yes	☐ No (absent)
Stuart Morgan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Jennifer Eckhardt	☒ Yes	☐ No
Toni Blomenkamp	☒ Yes	☐ No
Collin Anderson	☒ Yes	☐ No
Marcus Milanuk	☒ Yes	☐ No
Brian Zimmerman	☒ Yes	☐ No

Motion carried.

Power Supply Report

- Tri-State Report
- Basin Electric Power Cooperative Annual Meeting Report
- Tri-State CTP Updates
- Tri-State Transmission & Substation Facilities Update
- Power Supply Timeline

Stuart Morgan reviewed the Tri-State report along with the supplemental report submitted in the board book.

Meeting Reports

- No reports

Delegates and Other Organizational Items

The board discussed the CFC delegate. The consensus was to have Toni Blomekamp be the primary and Marcus Milanuk the alternate.

Future Meetings and Trainings

- Wheat Belt's 80th anniversary Celebration – September 19, 2026 – Sidney, NE
- CFC Region 7 & 9 – October 5-7, 2026 – Salt Lake City, UT
- NREA Annual Meeting – December 3-4, 2026 – Kearney, NE
- NRECA Director Winter School – December 11-15, 2026 – Nashville, TN
- Other Upcoming Meetings

Other Business

- The next regular board meeting is Friday, September 25, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at the Wheat Belt office.

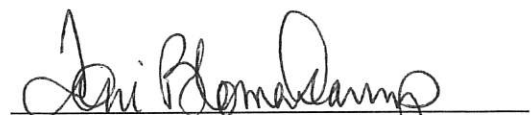
Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

Adjournment

With no further business, Zimmerman moved for adjournment at 1:51 p.m.

Attest:


Brian Zimmerman, President
Toni Blomekamp, Secretary